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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 CFR §1.56**

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Sir:

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**RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT**

Document A6 was submitted and its relevance was disclosed in an Information Disclosure Statement dated March 12, 2004. The document is part of the Patent Office's electronic file, as can be seen in PAIR. However, upon further review, it came to Applicants' attention that this document was not specifically listed on the accompanying form PTO/SB/08 submitted March 12, 2004, due to a clerical oversight. The relevance is reproduced in the next paragraph.

Document A6 discloses technology which chooses the case where image processing is performed in parallel to scanning, and the case where it performs in parallel to printing. (Fig. 2 and lines 33-42 of left portion of page 3.)

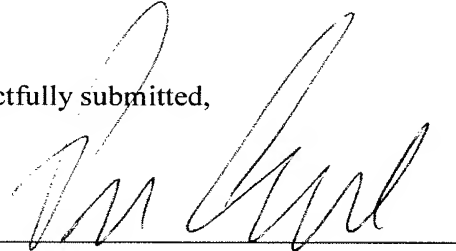
For the Examiner's convenience, another copy of document A6 is also being submitted. Applicants respectfully request that each listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

Because the reference was already submitted and is part of the Patent Office's file, no fee is believed due. Nonetheless, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this submission under 37 C.F.R.

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Respectfully submitted,

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